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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Los Angeles—Federal Authorities May Target Marijuana, Says LA Sheriff

(U) The leader of the nation's largest sheriff's department expects federal drug agents will attempt to step up marijuana enforcement as California moves forward with legalization. However, Los Angeles County Sheriff Jim McDonnell stated in an interview that he believes there isn't the manpower to conduct widespread raids on growers and businesses selling marijuana. US Attorney General Jeff Sessions said last month that federal officials would try to adopt "reasonable policies" for enforcement of federal anti-marijuana laws.

SOURCE: 7 March 2017, [Associated Press](#)

(U) San Joaquin County—Ten Arrested in County Sex-Trafficking Operation

(U) Ten people were arrested in a human trafficking operation in San Joaquin County with the help of a Stockton business owner, according to the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office. Law enforcement contacted more than 125 people over the internet in the operation, leading to the rescue of two people—an adult female and a juvenile female—on the first day they were forced into sex against their will. The arrests happened on 3 March in an unincorporated area of San Joaquin County.

SOURCE: 7 March 2017, [Sacramento Bee](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) New York—Another Wave of Bomb Threats Targets Jewish Centers, ADL Offices

(U) New York—Another wave of bomb threats targeted Jewish community centers yesterday, with facilities in New York, Florida, Wisconsin and Illinois ordering brief evacuations and the Anti-Defamation League tweeting several of its offices had gotten threats. The ADL said offices in New York, Atlanta, Boston and Washington DC received threats yesterday morning, prompting a voluntary evacuation at its national headquarters. Authorities have been looking into more than 120 bomb threats called into nearly 100 JCC schools, child care and other similar facilities across the nation since January.

SOURCE: 7 March 2017, [NBC 4 New York](#)

(U) New York—White Supremacist Efforts Swell Across Campus, Says Report

(U) New York—Emboldened by the current political climate, groups that the Anti-Defamation League identifies as white supremacist are pushing to recruit college students and plaster campuses with their message, according to an analysis by the ADL. The group, which seeks to document and prevent anti-Semitism and other bigotry, has tracked 104 incidents since the beginning of the school year in September, with more than half of the incidents occurring since January. Incidents have happened at schools in 28 states, including California.

SOURCE: 6 March 2017, [Washington Post](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Afghanistan—At Least 30 Killed in Attack on Kabul Military Hospital

(U) Kabul—Attackers dressed in medical uniforms stormed a military hospital in the heart of the capital today, killing more than 30 people and wounding at least 50, according to the spokesman for the Afghan Ministry of Defense. A suicide bomber set off an explosion at the south gate to the Sardar Mohammed Daud Khan hospital before three gunmen entered the building, killing and wounding doctors and hospital employees and injuring Afghan soldiers. Afghan security forces and police mounted a six-hour siege at the hospital, which is the biggest and best-equipped facility in the country and is located only a few hundred meters from the US embassy. ISIS has claimed responsibility for the attack.

SOURCE: 8 March 2017, [CNN](#)

(U) Germany—East German Far-Right Group Faces Terrorism Charges

(U) Dresden—Eight Germans went on trial yesterday for allegedly forming a far-right terrorist organization and carrying out bombing attacks on asylum-seeker facilities and left-wing political targets. Prosecutors have accused the defendants—seven men and one woman—of forming the "Freital Group," named after a Dresden suburb that has seen a number of anti-refugee protests and attacks. The group is alleged to have carried out several attacks, including blowing up the car of a Left party politician and a Left party office in Freital, as well the two bombings of refugee homes.

SOURCE: 7 March 2017, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Malaysia—Authorities Says Attack Foiled on Arab Royalty

(U) Kuala Lumpur—Malaysia said yesterday that suspected militants from Yemen arrested late last month ahead of a visit by Saudi King Salman had been planning an attack on Arab royalty. Between 21 February and 26 February, Malaysia arrested one Malaysian and six foreigners—four Yemenis, one Indonesian and one East Asian—for suspected links to militant groups including ISIS, police say. A senior Malaysian police source said the four Yemeni suspects belonged to Yemen's Iran-allied Houthi movement.

SOURCE: 7 March 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) United Kingdom—Thirteen Terror Attacks Thwarted in Four Years, Says British Security Services

(U) Manchester—The nation's most senior anti-terrorism officer revealed on 6 March that 13 attacks have been thwarted in less than four years, mostly thanks to information from the public. Speaking in Manchester, Mark Rowley, assistant commissioner for London's Metropolitan Police, announced a new initiative to boost public contributions to police investigations. Officially, the threat level for international terrorism in Britain is "severe," meaning an attack is "highly likely." Security and intelligence officials are therefore on high alert, dealing with more than 500 investigations at a time, according to Rowley.

SOURCE: 7 March 2017, [Christian Science Monitor](#)

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